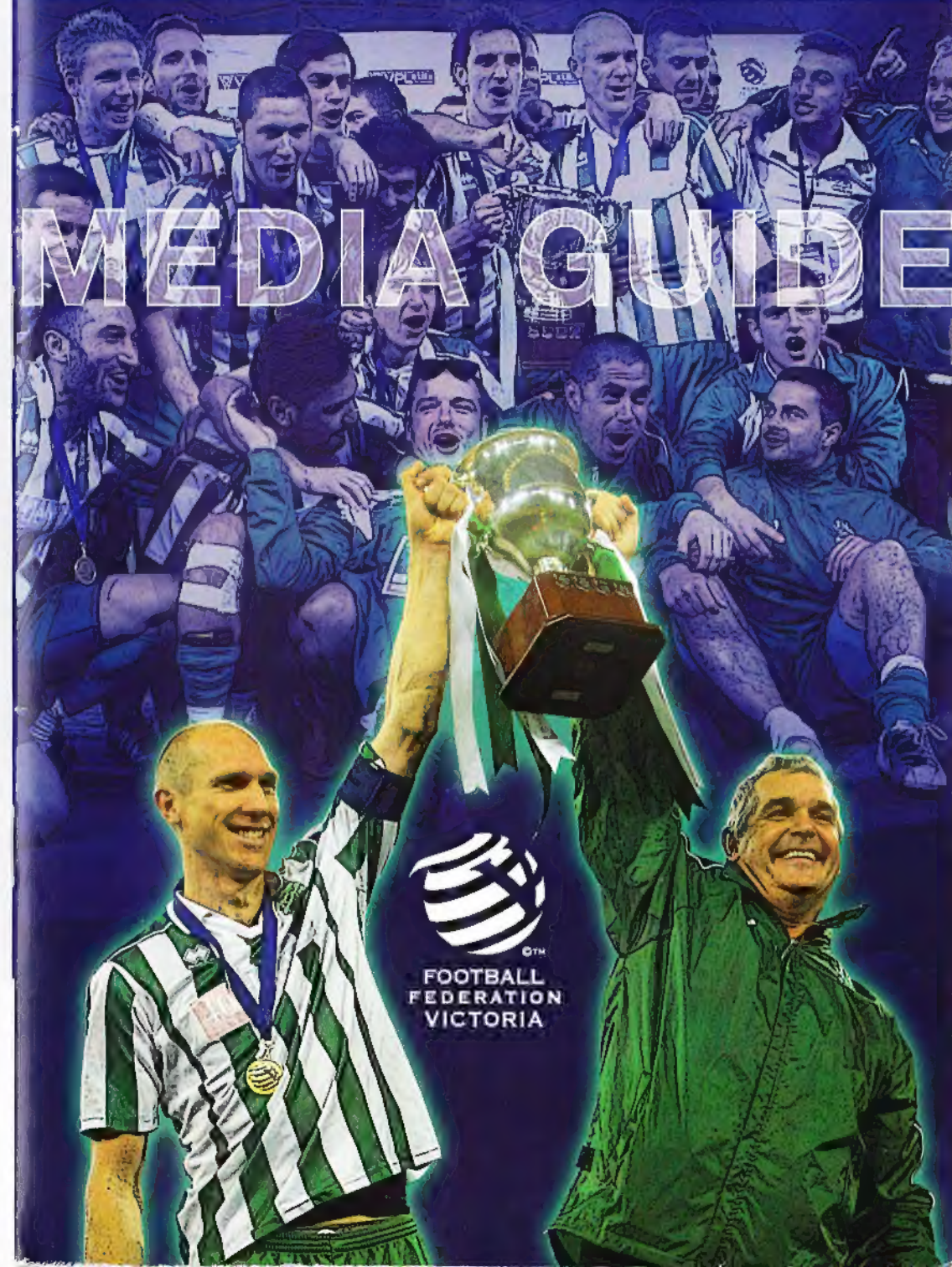


2012 VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

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It's amazing how quickly another VPL season has come around.

It doesn't seem that long ago that we were entertained at AAMI Park, in the 2011 Grand Final, between Green Gully and Oakleigh Cannons, with the Cavaliers beating the Cannons in an exciting encounter 3-2.

The VPL is an important part of the football landscape in Victoria. It is a highly competitive competition that helps provide a pathway for our junior players on their way to professional contracts. This recent A League season we have seen former VPL players make their mark in the professional ranks and there are many Victorians scattered throughout teams in the A League and beyond.

We look forward to watching another season of entertaining and competitive football. Green Gully head into the season defending back to back titles in 2010 and 2011 and I am sure they will be pushed all the way in 2012.

I hope that all players, referees, coaches, administrators, supporters and you in the media have an enjoyable and successful season. You are the heart and soul of football in Victoria.

Regards

Nick Monteleone
President
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Victorian Premier League Champions

Season	Champion	Season	Champion
2011	Green Gully Cavaliers	1999	Green Gully Cavaliers (No finals series)
2010	Green Gully Cavaliers	1998	Bulleen Inter Kings
2009	Altona Magic	1997	Altona Magic
2008	Altona Magic	1996	Altona Magic
2007	Preston Lions	1995	Altona Magic
2006	South Melbourne	1994	Preston Lions
2005	Green Gully Cavaliers	1993	Bulleen
2004	Bulleen Zebras	1992	North Geelong (1st Grand Final)
2003	Green Gully Cavaliers	1991	Brunswick Juventus
2002	Preston Lions		
2001	Heidelberg United		
2000	Green Gully Cavaliers (No finals series)		

Courtesy: John Punshon and OzFootball website

Victorian Premier League Grand Final Best Player Award

Season	Winner	Club
2011	Stephen Downe	Green Gully Cavaliers
2010	Graham Hockless	Green Gully Cavaliers
2009	Kliment Taseski	Altona Magic
2008	Craig Elvin	Melbourne Knights
2007	Zoran Petrevski	Preston Lions
2006	Fernando De Moraes	South Melbourne
2005	Brandon Vassallo	Green Gully Cavaliers
2004	Levent Osman	Altona Magic
2003	Simon Storey	Green Gully Cavaliers
2002	Johnny Sapasovski	Preston Lions
2001	Peter Psarros	Port Melbourne Sharks
2000	No finals series	
1999	No finals series	
1998	Slavko Rados	St Albans Saints

1997	Sava Rusmir	Altona Magic
1996	Darren McGrath	Altona Magic
1995	Chris Emsovski	Altona Magic
1994	Chris Sterjovski	Preston Lions
1993	Adrian Pender	Fawkner
1992	David Cervinski	North Geelong

Courtesy: John Punshon and OzFootball website.

Victorian Premier League Gold Medal for the Player of the Year

Season	Winner	Club
2011	Jason Trifiro	Northcote City
2010	Fernando De Moraes	South Melbourne
2009	Ross Thompson	Hume City
2008	Graham Hockless	Heidelberg United
2007	Terry Antoniadis	Western Suburbs
2006	Sash Becvinovski	Altona Magic
2005	Anthony Magnacca	Preston Lions
2004	Doug Mladenovic & Ricky Diaco	Altona Magic Frankston Pines
2003	Chris Emsovski	Preston Lions
2002	Jim Kourtis	Bentleigh Greens
2001	Chris Emsovski & Zoran Todorovski	Preston Lions Altona Magic
2000	Damian Vojtek	St Albans Saints
1999	George Jolevski	Melbourne Raiders
1998	George Jolevski	Thomastown Zebras
1997	George Jolevski	Altona Magic
1996	Ike Alagiozidis	Bentleigh Greens
1995	George Svigos & Tom Pondeljak	Port Melbourne Sharks St Albans Saints
1994	Josip Skoko & Nick Van Egmond	North Geelong Croydon City Dons
1993	Steve Douglas	Albion
1992	Bogdan Bonk	North Geelong
1991	Fabio Incantalupo	Bulleen

Courtesy: John Punshon and OzFootball website.

Bentleigh GREENS

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CLUB COLOURS

Home Strip	Away Strip
Shirt Green/White	Shirt White/Green
Shorts Green	Shorts White
Socks Green	Socks White



The Club

Five time Victorian Premier League finalists, the Greens had a positive season in 2011, finishing in mid table and never having the threat of relegation looming over them as they did in 2010. In 2012, Bentleigh will be sharing their Kingston Heath ground with Southern Stars, so get set for some great local derbies.



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Last Season

Final Ladder Position 8th
Best and Fairest Wayne Wallace
Runner Up Ryan Devries
Leading Goal Scorer Ryan Devries
U21 Best and Fairest Joey Colberone
U21 Runner Up Not supplied
U21 Leading Goal Scorer Anthony Desensi

Coach

A former South Melbourne player and premiership coach, football is an essential part of the makeup of John Anastasiadis, or 'Johnny A' as he's known at Bentleigh. John was appointed Bentleigh Greens coach eight games into the 2011 season. Immediately John was able to breathe fresh life into the squad, implementing a new style of football and making the players believe not only in themselves but also each other. The result was a cohesive team, a more attractive and effective style of football and a squad that was a serious finals contender.

Captain

Originally from the UK, Wayne Wallace joined the Greens at the beginning of the 2011. As a central midfielder Wayne showed both on and off the park that he has both the technical skills and leadership qualities to not only wear the Bentleigh jersey but also captain the club. Being captain is a challenge that Wayne relishes, and is of the strong opinion that he will be the one to captain his club to their first premiership title in 2012.

Young Gun

At the young age of 17, Jordan Templin or 'JT' as his team mates know him is a rising star at Bentleigh. Having played at Bentleigh in both the under 16s and under 18s Jordan was given a shot at playing in the club's under 21s squad in 2011 and proved to be more than capable of the task. Skilful, agile and tenacious on the ball, JT has the ability to be one of Bentleigh's key players in 2012 and has been given the opportunity to be part of the senior team. This young man has the heart and the determination to succeed, with other teams being foolish to underestimate this young up and comer.

*Information supplied by club.

2012 Playing Squad

DAVIES Chris
THOMAS Lawrance
WILFORD Aron
PILKINGTON Luke
CALDERONE Joe
MACAULAY Babatunde
CURTIS Nick
SMART Craig
JUKIC Andrija
SKORICH Anthony
ARNOLD Philip
BULLOCH Scott
PAIN Connor
SIMMONS Makie
RETRE Paul
LONCAVIC Damir
TEMPLIN Jordan
GWYTHYR Michael
GAVALAS Peter
WALLACE Wayne
WEBSTER Jack



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Shirt Red/Black	Shirt White
Shorts Black	Shorts Black
Socks Black	Socks Black



The Club

After a blistering start to the 2011 season, with some declaring them the best team outside the A-League, Dandenong Thunder went off the boil in the second half of the season with side finishing in ninth place. Thunder have moved to strengthen their already talented squad with midfield lynchpin Ross Thompson making the move from Hume City and Canadian import Nate Foster joining the club from Ottawa Capitol City, just two of the sides big signings, Dandenong should be serious title contenders.

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Last Season

Final Ladder Position 9th
Best and Fairest Shane Rexhepi
Runner Up Archie Tomic
Leading Goal Scorer Luke Sherbon
U21 Best and Fairest Shain Elmazi
U21 Runner Up Sermin Sadikovski
U21 Leading Goal Scorer Hidajet Masinovic



Coach

Former Green Gully and Melbourne Knights coach Chris Taylor will start his first full season in charge of Dandenong Thunder after taking over from Stuart Munro mid-season. He has made a string of shrewd signings over the summer and will be determined to help Dandenong reach their full potential in 2012.

Captain

Dandenong Thunder will once again be led by Veton Korcari in 2012. The striker is looking in great shape and appears to be over his groin problems which have hampered him over the past couple of seasons. Korcari is a real barometer for the Thunder as he is often the key link in the chain with his ability to bring others in to play using his strength and skill, whilst also having the ability to find the back of the net. His pre-season form has been strong and if Thunder's talisman can stay fully fit throughout the course of the season it's ominous for the rest of the league.

Young Gun

The Thunder's star import Luke Sherbon is seen as a valuable asset to the hopes of the club's championship ambitions for season 2012. The Englishman who first arrived at Dandenong midway through the 2010 campaign for a brief stint returned for season 2011 in stunning fashion. He scored 14 goals for the campaign and stamped himself as one of the premier players in the Victorian Premier League. He dominated the midfield before playing the last month as a striker on one leg due to injury which saw him score six goals, including a hat-trick against the Melbourne Knights. Expect Sherbon to once again lead the Thunder in the middle of the park and cause opposition sides headaches with his aggression, skill and goal scoring ability.

*Information supplied by club.

2012 Playing Squad

WEBSTER Stuart
REXHEPI Shane
KORCARI Veton
SHERBON Luke
THEODORE Mathew
KEARNEY Liam
THOMPSON Ross
FOSTER Nate
ARMENIAN Hamlet
MCILROY Sean
CASEY Adam
ELVIN Craig
MALA Tim
SIVIC Enes
ZANELI Zaim
BRAN Bryan
D'ANGELO Dominic
AZIZI Feston
ELMAZOVSKI Brendon
ELMAZI Shain
SHABANOVKI Denis
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Shorts Green

Socks Green



Away Strip

Shirt White

Shorts White

Socks White

The Club

After a very shaky start to their 2010 title defence, collecting only ten points in their first nine matches in 2011, Green Gully stormed home, losing only one match for the remainder of the season. They claimed the Minor Premiership on the final day of the season before defeating Oakleigh Cannons 3-2 in the Grand Final at AAMI Park. The Cavaliers have their sights set on becoming the first team to win three straight Victorian Premier League titles since Altona Magic in 1995-7. They certainly have the squad to do so and retaining Head Coach Ian Dobson certainly won't hurt their title chances one bit.



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Last Season

Final Ladder Position 1st

Best and Fairest Jason Hayne

Runner Up Mile Medjedovic

Leading Goal Scorer Jason Hayne

U21 Best and Fairest Joshua Szelest

U21 Runner Up Joel Bistricki

U21 Leading Goal Scorer N/A

Coach

Ian Dobson a phenomenal coach certainly up there with the best of the best coaches within Australia with nine championship under his belt- a former defender with Hull City in the UK, he has won two titles with the Altona Magic, six with Green Gully Cavaliers and a National Soccer League title with the Melbourne Knights.

Captain

Green Gully will once again be led by the unconquerable Jeffery Fleming. He and Andy Vlahos are the only two current squad members to have played in the 2003, 2005, 2010 and 2011 Grand Final wins. Jeffery has also represented New Zealand at international level as well as having a short spell with New Zealand Knights in the A-League.

Young Gun

Cameron Drake has established himself as an integral part of Green Gully's back four and has the potential to keep improving. A former Melbourne Victory Youth Player, the 24 year old won Green Gully's Under 21 Best and Fairest award in 2008 before going on to play in the 2010 and 2011 Grand Finals.

2012 Playing Squad

BASMA Hamid
BISTRICKI Joel
CHAWK Muhamed
DRAKE Cameron
DOWNES Stephen
FANOSCU Turgut
FISHER Brent
FLEMING Jeffrey
HAYNE Jason
HOCKLESS Graham
HUME Mathew
JONES Daniel
KEANE Rhyss
MEDJEDOVIC Mile
MUNOZ Jonathan
NIKOLIC Joel
OSAGIE Ederaro
ROBSON Scott
SANDERS Mathew
VARGAS Andy
OFARRELL Michael



*Information supplied by club.

Heidelberg United WARRIORS

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CLUB COLOURS

Home Strip	Away Strip
Shirt Yellow/Black	Shirt Yellow
Shorts Black	Shorts Yellow
Socks Yellow	Socks Yellow/Black



The Club

Heidelberg United Warriors have been one of the most consistent performers in recent Victorian Premier League history, always challenging for a finals place. A win in the final match of the season against State League One bound Springvale White Eagles would have seen Heidelberg crowned VPL Minor Premiers in 2010, but it wasn't to be, the Warriors finishing in fifth place. They will be one of the hungriest teams in 2012, having been finals series regulars over the past few years, though never being able to emulate their Grand Final winning performance of 2001.



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Last Season

Final Ladder Position 5th
Best and Fairest Not supplied
Runner Up Not supplied
Leading Goal Scorer Osagie Ederado
U21 Best and Fairest Not supplied
U21 Runner Up Not supplied
U21 Leading Goal Scorer Not supplied

Coach

Andrew Vlahos returns to the Bergers as Player/Coach for 2012. Andrew started his senior playing career at Heidelberg back in the 1993-94 NSL season, having come through its junior ranks. Over the years Andrew has gained a wealth of experience having played in Europe for a number of seasons before returning to Australia for the inaugural A-League season playing for Melbourne Victory. After a successful coaching stint with Hume City Andrew Vlahos will be aiming to produce a competitive outfit.

Captain

Heidelberg United will be led in 2012 by George Papadopoulos. After leaving Northcote City in 2011, the big centre back has established himself as a leader at Heidelberg and is a great mentor for younger players.

Young Gun

After a successful 2011 season, Evan Christodoulou will be one to watch out for in 2012. Evan was one of the Bergers most consistent performers in the 2011 season and is determined to have an even greater impact during the 2012 VPL Season. His great season was recognised at the 2011 VPL Gold Medal Night where he won the Under 21 Player of the Season Award.

2012 Playing Squad

ALEXOVSKI Saso
BOUNAS John
CARDAMONE Dave
CHRISTODOULOU Evan
DOUMBALIS Leslie
GALANOPOULOS Zois
IOSIFIDIS Anthony
LAZARIDIS John
METTAI Sebastian
NABBOU Andrew
PAPADOPOULOS Arthur
PAPADOPOULOS George
PARISIS Saranti
PETROVIC Sebastian
ROWLAND Oliver
SAMARGIS Jason
SAWAN Peter
TOMIC Tommy
TURNAH Ahmed
TZOULIS Nick
VLACHOS Andrew



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2012 FIXTURES

ROUND 1	23/03/12 (Fri)	20:15	Bentleigh Greens	vs	Green Gully Cavaliers	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
	24/03/12 (Sat)	15:00	Dandenong Thunder	vs	Southern Stars	George Andrews Reserve - Pitch 1
	24/03/12 (Sat)	15:00	Northcote City	vs	Richmond	John Cain Memorial Park - Pitch 1
	25/03/12 (Sun)	17:00	South Melbourne	vs	Moreland Zebras	Lakeside Stadium
	25/03/12 (Sun)	18:00	Melbourne Knights	vs	Hume City	Knights Stadium - Pitch 1
	25/03/12 (Sun)	18:00	Heidelberg United	vs	Oakleigh Cannons	Olympic Park
ROUND 2	30/03/12 (Fri)	20:30	Oakleigh Cannons	vs	South Melbourne	Jack Edwards Reserve - Pitch 1
	31/03/12 (Sat)	15:00	Green Gully Cavaliers	vs	Heidelberg United	Green Gully Reserve - Pitch 1
	31/03/12 (Sat)	15:00	Richmond	vs	Bentleigh Greens	Kevin Bartlett Reserve - Pitch 1
	31/03/12 (Sat)	19:00	Southern Stars	vs	Northcote City	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
	01/04/12 (Sun)	15:00	Hume City	vs	Dandenong Thunder	John Ilhan Memorial Reserve - Pitch 1
	01/04/12 (Sun)	15:00	Moreland Zebras	vs	Melbourne Knights	Epping Stadium
ROUND 3	09/04/12 (Mon)	15:00	Heidelberg United	vs	Richmond	Olympic Park
	09/04/12 (Mon)	18:00	Oakleigh Cannons	vs	Moreland Zebras	Jack Edwards Reserve - Pitch 1
	14/04/12 (Sat)	15:00	Dandenong Thunder	vs	Melbourne Knights	George Andrews Reserve - Pitch 1
	14/04/12 (Sat)	15:00	Green Gully Cavaliers	vs	South Melbourne	Green Gully Reserve - Pitch 1
	14/04/12 (Sat)	15:00	Northcote City	vs	Hume City	John Cain Memorial Park - Pitch 1
	16/04/12 (Mon)	20:15	Bentleigh Greens	vs	Southern Stars	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
ROUND 4	21/04/12 (Sat)	15:00	Green Gully Cavaliers	vs	Oakleigh Cannons	Green Gully Reserve - Pitch 1
	21/04/12 (Sat)	15:00	Richmond	vs	South Melbourne	Kevin Bartlett Reserve - Pitch 1
	21/04/12 (Sat)	19:00	Southern Stars	vs	Heidelberg United	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
	22/04/12 (Sun)	15:00	Hume City	vs	Bentleigh Greens	John Ilhan Memorial Reserve - Pitch 1
	22/04/12 (Sun)	15:00	Melbourne Knights	vs	Northcote City	Knights Stadium - Pitch 1
	22/04/12 (Sun)	15:00	Moreland Zebras	vs	Dandenong Thunder	Epping Stadium
ROUND 5	04/05/12 (Fri)	20:15	Bentleigh Greens	vs	Melbourne Knights	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
	04/05/12 (Fri)	20:30	Oakleigh Cannons	vs	Richmond	Jack Edwards Reserve - Pitch 1
	04/05/12 (Fri)	20:30	South Melbourne	vs	Southern Stars	Lakeside Stadium
	05/05/12 (Sat)	15:00	Green Gully Cavaliers	vs	Moreland Zebras	Green Gully Reserve - Pitch 1
	06/05/12 (Sun)	15:00	Northcote City	vs	Dandenong Thunder	John Cain Memorial Park - Pitch 1
	06/05/12 (Sun)	18:00	Heidelberg United	vs	Hume City	Olympic Park

2012 FIXTURES

ROUND 6	12/05/12 (Sat)	15:00	Dandenong Thunder	vs	Bentleigh Greens	George Andrews Reserve - Pitch 1
	12/05/12 (Sat)	15:00	Richmond	vs	Green Gully Cavaliers	Kevin Bartlett Reserve - Pitch 1
	12/05/12 (Sat)	19:00	Southern Stars	vs	Oakleigh Cannons	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
	13/05/12 (Sun)	15:00	Hume City	vs	South Melbourne	John Ilhan Memorial Reserve - Pitch 1
	13/05/12 (Sun)	15:00	Melbourne Knights	vs	Heidelberg United	Knights Stadium - Pitch 1
	13/05/12 (Sun)	15:00	Moreland Zebras	vs	Northcote City	Epping Stadium
ROUND 7	16/05/12 (Fri)	20:15	Bentleigh Greens	vs	Northcote City	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
	19/05/12 (Sat)	16:00	Richmond	vs	Moreland Zebras	Kevin Bartlett Reserve - Pitch 1
	19/05/12 (Sat)	19:00	Southern Stars	vs	Green Gully Cavaliers	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
	20/05/12 (Sun)	17:00	South Melbourne	vs	Melbourne Knights	Lakeside Stadium
	20/05/12 (Sun)	18:00	Heidelberg United	vs	Dandenong Thunder	Olympic Park
	21/05/12 (Mon)	20:30	Oakleigh Cannons	vs	Hume City	Jack Edwards Reserve - Pitch 1
ROUND 8	26/05/12 (Sat)	15:00	Dandenong Thunder	vs	South Melbourne	George Andrews Reserve - Pitch 1
	26/05/12 (Sat)	19:00	Southern Stars	vs	Richmond	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
	27/05/12 (Sun)	15:00	Northcote City	vs	Heidelberg United	John Cain Memorial Park - Pitch 1
	27/05/12 (Sun)	15:00	Hume City	vs	Green Gully Cavaliers	John Ilhan Memorial Reserve - Pitch 1
	27/05/12 (Sun)	15:00	Melbourne Knights	vs	Oakleigh Cannons	Knights Stadium - Pitch 1
	27/05/12 (Sun)	15:00	Moreland Zebras	vs	Bentleigh Greens	Epping Stadium
ROUND 9	01/06/12 (Fri)	20:30	Oakleigh Cannons	vs	Dandenong Thunder	Jack Edwards Reserve - Pitch 1
	02/06/12 (Sat)	15:00	Green Gully Cavaliers	vs	Melbourne Knights	Green Gully Reserve - Pitch 1
	02/06/12 (Sat)	15:00	Richmond	vs	Hume City	Kevin Bartlett Reserve - Pitch 1
	02/06/12 (Sat)	19:00	Southern Stars	vs	Moreland Zebras	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
	03/06/12 (Sun)	15:00	Heidelberg United	vs	Bentleigh Greens	Olympic Park
	03/06/12 (Sun)	17:00	South Melbourne	vs	Northcote City	Lakeside Stadium
ROUND 10	15/06/12 (Fri)	20:15	Bentleigh Greens	vs	South Melbourne	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
	16/06/12 (Sat)	15:00	Dandenong Thunder	vs	Green Gully Cavaliers	George Andrews Reserve - Pitch 1
	17/06/12 (Sun)	15:00	Northcote City	vs	Oakleigh Cannons	John Cain Memorial Park - Pitch 1
	17/06/12 (Sun)	15:00	Hume City	vs	Southern Stars	John Ilhan Memorial Reserve - Pitch 1
	17/06/12 (Sun)	15:00	Melbourne Knights	vs	Richmond	Knights Stadium - Pitch 1
	17/06/12 (Sun)	15:00	Heidelberg United	vs	Moreland Zebras	Olympic Park
ROUND 11	22/06/12 (Fri)	20:30	Oakleigh Cannons	vs	Bentleigh Greens	Jack Edwards Reserve - Pitch 1
	23/06/12 (Sat)	15:00	Green Gully Cavaliers	vs	Northcote City	Green Gully Reserve - Pitch 1
	23/06/12 (Sat)	15:00	Richmond	vs	Dandenong Thunder	Kevin Bartlett Reserve - Pitch 1
	23/06/12 (Sat)	19:00	Southern Stars	vs	Melbourne Knights	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
	24/06/12 (Sun)	15:00	Moreland Zebras	vs	Hume City	Epping Stadium
	24/06/12 (Sun)	17:00	South Melbourne	vs	Heidelberg United	Lakeside Stadium

ROUND 12

29/06/12 (Fri)	20:30	Oakleigh Cannons	vs	Heidelberg United	Jack Edwards Reserve - Pitch 1
30/06/12 (Sat)	15:00	Green Gully Cavaliers	vs	Bentleigh Greens	Green Gully Reserve - Pitch 1
30/06/12 (Sat)	15:00	Richmond	vs	Northcote City	Kevin Bartlett Reserve - Pitch 1
30/06/12 (Sat)	19:00	Southern Stars	vs	Dandenong Thunder	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
01/07/12 (Sun)	15:00	Hume City	vs	Melbourne Knights	John Ilhan Memorial Reserve - Pitch 1
01/07/12 (Sun)	15:00	Moreland Zebras	vs	South Melbourne	Epping Stadium

ROUND 13

06/07/12 (Fri)	20:15	Bentleigh Greens	vs	Richmond	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
07/07/12 (Sat)	15:00	Dandenong Thunder	vs	Hume City	George Andrews Reserve - Pitch 1
07/07/12 (Sat)	15:00	Northcote City	vs	Southern Stars	John Cain Memorial Park - Pitch 1
08/07/12 (Sun)	15:00	Melbourne Knights	vs	Moreland Zebras	Knights Stadium - Pitch 1
08/07/12 (Sun)	15:00	Heidelberg United	vs	Green Gully Cavaliers	Olympic Park
08/07/12 (Sun)	17:00	South Melbourne	vs	Oakleigh Cannons	Lakeside Stadium

ROUND 14

14/07/12 (Sat)	15:00	Richmond	vs	Heidelberg United	Kevin Bartlett Reserve - Pitch 1
14/07/12 (Sat)	19:00	Southern Stars	vs	Bentleigh Greens	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
15/07/12 (Sun)	15:00	Hume City	vs	Northcote City	John Cain Memorial Reserve - Pitch 1
15/07/12 (Sun)	15:00	Melbourne Knights	vs	Dandenong Thunder	Knights Stadium - Pitch 1
15/07/12 (Sun)	15:00	Moreland Zebras	vs	Oakleigh Cannons	Epping Stadium
15/07/12 (Sun)	17:00	South Melbourne	vs	Green Gully Cavaliers	Lakeside Stadium

ROUND 15

20/07/12 (Fri)	20:15	Bentleigh Greens	vs	Hume City	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
20/07/12 (Fri)	20:30	Oakleigh Cannons	vs	Green Gully Cavaliers	Jack Edwards Reserve - Pitch 1
20/07/12 (Fri)	20:30	South Melbourne	vs	Richmond	Lakeside Stadium
21/07/12 (Sat)	15:00	Dandenong Thunder	vs	Moreland Zebras	George Andrews Reserve - Pitch 1
21/07/12 (Sat)	15:00	Northcote City	vs	Melbourne Knights	John Cain Memorial Park - Pitch 1
22/07/12 (Sun)	15:00	Heidelberg United	vs	Southern Stars	Olympic Park

ROUND 16

28/07/12 (Sat)	15:00	Dandenong Thunder	vs	Northcote City	George Andrews Reserve - Pitch 1
28/07/12 (Sat)	15:00	Richmond	vs	Oakleigh Cannons	Kevin Bartlett Reserve - Pitch 1
28/07/12 (Sat)	19:00	Southern Stars	vs	South Melbourne	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
29/07/12 (Sun)	15:00	Hume City	vs	Heidelberg United	John Ilhan Memorial Reserve - Pitch 1
29/07/12 (Sun)	15:00	Melbourne Knights	vs	Bentleigh Greens	Knights Stadium - Pitch 1
29/07/12 (Sun)	15:00	Moreland Zebras	vs	Green Gully Cavaliers	Epping Stadium

ROUND 17

03/08/12 (Fri)	20:15	Bentleigh Greens	vs	Dandenong Thunder	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
03/08/12 (Fri)	20:30	Oakleigh Cannons	vs	Southern Stars	Jack Edwards Reserve - Pitch 1
04/08/12 (Sat)	15:00	Green Gully Cavaliers	vs	Richmond	Green Gully Reserve - Pitch 1
04/08/12 (Sat)	15:00	Northcote City	vs	Moreland Zebras	John Cain Memorial Park - Pitch 1
04/08/12 (Sat)	15:00	Heidelberg United	vs	Melbourne Knights	Olympic Park
05/08/12 (Sun)	17:00	South Melbourne	vs	Hume City	Lakeside Stadium

ROUND 18

11/08/12 (Sat)	15:00	Dandenong Thunder	vs	Heidelberg United	George Andrews Reserve - Pitch 1
11/08/12 (Sat)	15:00	Green Gully Cavaliers	vs	Southern Stars	Green Gully Reserve - Pitch 1
12/08/12 (Sun)	15:00	Northcote City	vs	Bentleigh Greens	John Cain Memorial Park - Pitch 1
12/08/12 (Sun)	15:00	Hume City	vs	Oakleigh Cannons	John Ilhan Memorial Reserve - Pitch 1
12/08/12 (Sun)	15:00	Melbourne Knights	vs	South Melbourne	Knights Stadium - Pitch 1
12/08/12 (Sun)	15:00	Moreland Zebras	vs	Richmond	Epping Stadium

ROUND 19

17/08/12 (Fri)	20:15	Bentleigh Greens	vs	Moreland Zebras	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
17/08/12 (Fri)	20:30	Oakleigh Cannons	vs	Melbourne Knights	Jack Edwards Reserve - Pitch 1
18/08/12 (Sat)	15:00	Green Gully Cavaliers	vs	Hume City	Green Gully Reserve - Pitch 1
18/08/12 (Sat)	15:00	Richmond	vs	Southern Stars	Kevin Bartlett Reserve - Pitch 1
19/08/12 (Sun)	15:00	Heidelberg United	vs	Northcote City	Olympic Park
19/08/12 (Sun)	17:00	South Melbourne	vs	Dandenong Thunder	Lakeside Stadium

ROUND 20

24/08/12 (Fri)	20:15	Bentleigh Greens	vs	Heidelberg United	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
25/08/12 (Sat)	15:00	Dandenong Thunder	vs	Oakleigh Cannons	George Andrews Reserve - Pitch 1
26/08/12 (Sun)	15:00	Northcote City	vs	South Melbourne	John Cain Memorial Park - Pitch 1
26/08/12 (Sun)	15:00	Hume City	vs	Richmond	John Ilhan Memorial Reserve - Pitch 1
26/08/12 (Sun)	15:00	Melbourne Knights	vs	Green Gully Cavaliers	Knights Stadium - Pitch 1
26/08/12 (Sun)	15:00	Moreland Zebras	vs	Southern Stars	Epping Stadium

ROUND 21

07/09/12 (Fri)	20:30	Oakleigh Cannons	vs	Northcote City	Jack Edwards Reserve - Pitch 1
08/09/12 (Sat)	15:00	Green Gully Cavaliers	vs	Dandenong Thunder	Green Gully Reserve - Pitch 1
08/09/12 (Sat)	15:00	Richmond	vs	Melbourne Knights	Kevin Bartlett Reserve - Pitch 1
08/09/12 (Sat)	19:00	Southern Stars	vs	Hume City	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
09/09/12 (Sun)	15:00	Moreland Zebras	vs	Heidelberg United	Epping Stadium
09/09/12 (Sun)	17:00	South Melbourne	vs	Bentleigh Greens	Lakeside Stadium

ROUND 22

16/09/12 (Sun)	15:00	Dandenong Thunder	vs	Richmond	George Andrews Reserve - Pitch 1
16/09/12 (Sun)	15:00	Northcote City	vs	Green Gully Cavaliers	John Cain Memorial Park - Pitch 1
16/09/12 (Sun)	15:00	Hume City	vs	Moreland Zebras	John Ilhan Memorial Reserve - Pitch 1
16/09/12 (Sun)	15:00	Bentleigh Greens	vs	Oakleigh Cannons	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex - Pitch 1
16/09/12 (Sun)	15:00	Melbourne Knights	vs	Southern Stars	Knights Stadium - Pitch 1
16/09/12 (Sun)	15:00	Heidelberg United	vs	South Melbourne	Olympic Park

Finals to follow with Victorian Premier League Grand Final to be played on 13 October 2012.

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The Club

Hume City had another great season in 2011, playing finals football for the third year running. They looked favourites to win the Minor Premiership towards the end of the season, but the side lost their final four matches, having to make do with third place. With Ross Thompson, Andy Vlahos and 2011 Golden Boot Richie Cardozo all leaving the club over the summer, 2012 will be a chance for some of Hume's young stars to stand up and be counted.



CLUB COLOURS

Home Strip

Shirt Red

Shorts Red

Socks Red/ White



Away Strip

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Shorts White

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Last Season

Final Ladder Position 3rd

Best and Fairest Richie Cardozo

Runner Up Not supplied

Leading Goal Scorer Richie Cardozo

U21 Best and Fairest Cem Yilmaz

U21 Runner Up Not supplied

U21 Leading Goal Scorer Enes Gurkan

Coach

Lou Acevski will be at the helm with assistant France Weimper. Lou has played in the NSL with Melbourne Knights, Northern Spirit and Adelaide City and had a stint in the Czech Republic with FK Siad Most. Lou has now been with Hume the last three seasons and is well respected by the playing group and was the previous club captain. In 2009 he was awarded goalkeeper of the year in the VPL and has played the last three finals series with the club missing out in the major semi each year. He now will have the hard task of building a much younger squad to continue the success the team has had on the park.

Captain

Isyan Erdogan has played with Carlton (NSL), Melbourne Knights (NSL) and Adelaide United before moving to Hume in 2009. Isyan has been a great leader around the club and with Lou's retirement has been appointed captain.

Young Gun

17 year old attacking midfielder Atilla Ofli had a fantastic 2011 season in the Hume City senior squad. With the confidence of a player well beyond his years, Atilla is both right and left footed, with blistering pace and good ball control.

2012 Playing Squad

OLDFIELDS Chris
ERDOGAN Isyan
HARRISON Ben
PIR Serdar
FONYKE Howard
CANTOFANTI Adam
RICCOBENE Phillip
VIDANOVSKI Bobby
BOZINOVSKI Slave
GILL Karan
CHICK David
BARNES Jarryd
YILMAZ Cem
HEGARTY Nick
SIVESKI Petse
TOMIC Archie
OFLI Atilla
GUERRERO DEL SOLAR Jose
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Melbourne

KNIGHTS

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Shorts White

Socks Blue

Away Strip

Shirt White

Shorts White

Socks White



THEORY

Melbourne Knights had an underwhelming 2011 by their incredibly high standards with a tenth place finish. While the Knights were never seriously threatened with relegation, they never looked like finals contenders either. Their late season form was encouraging however, including an appearance in the Mirabella Cup Final and the club will aim to return to their winning ways of seasons past.

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LAST Season

Final Ladder Position 10th

Best and Fairest Anthony Colosimo

Runner Up Josip Magdić

Leading Goal Scorer Jacob Colosimo

U21 Best and Fairest Stefan Baricević

U21 Runner Up Anthony Boras

U21 Leading Goal Scorer Brandon Zevovski

GOALS

Former Melbourne Knights' player, Paul Magdić will pick up where he left off last season as he is given a chance to prove that his second half of the 2011 season results and Mirabella Cup final appearance were not just flukes. Magdić, who took over mid-season last year, will be looking to build consistency into his young squad in order to ensure a season of week-to-week results. By his side will be former Club Brugge player Lorenz Kindtner as the new assistant coach, as well as Championship winning former Knights goalkeeper, Frank Jurić.

Captain

Josip Kozić has come full circle this season, taking on the role of captain after kicking off his professional career with the Knights in the NSL. After playing at Heidelberg, Oakleigh, Whittlesea and Preston, as well as a stint in Singapore with Balestier Khalsa FC, this creative midfielder is keen to lead the team to success and is happy to be back where he belongs.

Young Gun

In this his fourth season at the Melbourne Knights, 23 year old Anthony Colosimo is what all young players should be, versatile and consistent. Anthony's pace and creativity make him an automatic selection in Magdić's first eleven and will be crucial to the Knights' success this season.

2012 Playing Squad

ALINEJAD Shayan
BARICEVIC Stefan
BORAS Anthony
COLOSIMO Anthony
COLOSIMO Jacob
CVITKOVIC Marian
FILIPOVIC Ryan
FRANJIC Joseph
HRASTOV Matthew
KOZIC Josip
KUSTURA David
ROMEIN Shaun
ROMEIN Aaron
SUREY Ben
SWEENEY Craig
TALAJIC Christopher
USKOK Tomislav
YUSUF Yusuf
ZEZOVSKE Brandon
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CLUB COLOURS

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Shorts White	Shorts Black
Socks Blue	Socks Black



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Last Season

Final Ladder Position 1st in State League 1
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Runner Up Not supplied
Leading Goal Scorer Vinnie Faherty
U21 Best and Fairest Jordan Wilkes
U21 Runner Up Not supplied
U21 Leading Goal Scorer Brandon Defina



2012 Playing Squad

DEFINA Brandon
DELEV Kole
FARHERY Vincent
GRIFFIN Ben
GROSSMAN Chris
HOUSAZNI Resa
KAYA Ersin
LALLY Ray
LUKA Reardo
MAZZARELLA Michael
MCMASTER Griffin
NACE Kozmac
NAPOLI Ralph
NICHOLSON Stuart
PAPADIMITRIOU James
RADJOACIC Danny
RECCHIA Carl
VASLELEVSKI Daniel
WEIR Stevie

Captain

Senior Coach Dominic Barba's, planning, man management skills and overall work ethic made an instant statement to the football public about the depth of coaching talents hidden throughout its ranks. The Club has recruited well in the off season and is looking forward to taking its place alongside the elite of Victorian Football.

Captain

After a distinguished playing career, the 28 year old former Melbourne Victory player Carl Recchia, who began his playing career at Fawkner Blues then moved to Altona Magic where he won 2 VPL Championships; still has more to offer. The Zebras know he has the necessary skills set to lead the younger players down the path to glory.

Player

A player to look out for this season would be the very talented Ersin Kaya. At 18 years of age he is set to make a significant impact in the VPL as a dynamic and versatile player applying his trade predominately at full back. Ersin, a former member of the AIS, was a standout in 2011 and big things are expected from him in 2012. His speed, strength and overall athleticism will be a handful for any opposition and he will do his talking on the field in the upcoming VPL season.



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Socks Blue	Socks White



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League

Final Ladder Position 6th
Best and Fairest Trent Rixon
Runner Up Harry Kinigopoulos
Leading Goal Scorer Trent Rixon
U21 Best and Fairest Aaron Ward and
Ricardo Gonzales
U21 Runner Up Not supplied
U21 Leading Goal Scorer Rodrigo
Covarrubias and Aaron Ward



2012 Playing Squad

PETROPOULOS Chris
GAVALLAS Luke
VICKERY Darcy
D'AGOSTINO Hayden
SAVIO Paul
CARRILLO Alvaro
STEFANO James
CHIAPPETTA Adrian
OKAI Parys
KONSTANTINIS Kristian
DI BARTOLO Chris
SOLE Zane
VIZZARI Pasquale
JANKOVSKI Antoni
ROJAS Alex
PIEMONTE Dean
VOUGARIS Jonathan
MCHEILEH George
WARD Aaron
MACDONALD Quinn
GONZALES Ricardo
KALIFATIDIS James
LUJIC Milos
DEMO Matthew

Coach

Goran Lozanovski has won two national titles with South Melbourne in 1998 and 1999 and also won the Joe Marston Medal for his best on ground performance in the thrilling 3-2 win over Sydney United in the 1999 decider. Lozanovski has also extensive experience as a coach in the VPL winning the title with Preston Lions in 2007. While stints with Hume City and Bentleigh Greens were unsuccessful he is determined to maintain the high calibre football and respect Northcote City has acclaimed in the last two VPL seasons.

Captain

Adrian Chiappetta is entering his fourth season at John Cain Memorial Park and after the departure of Trent Rixon the club decided to award the big central defender with the captaincy. Chiappetta is well respected by all his team mates and was a very popular choice to take over the captain's role. He is hoping that consistent performances will result in a possible A-League contract, however he is grounded enough to understand that he must perform for his club first.

Player

Jonathan Vougaris is still only 19 yet he is entering his fourth season at the club after signing from Bulleen Lions in 2009. Lightning quick he is hoping to put the injury ravaged season of 2011 behind him and stamp 2012 with a solid pass mark. Coach Lozanovski will also be hoping that Jonathan's injury days are behind him as he can be utilised in a range of attacking roles that can only be beneficial to Northcote City.

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Northcote City has thrived in the Victorian Premier League since earning promotion in 2009, making the finals in 2010, narrowly missing out in 2011. They also won the Mirabella Cup, a state wide knockout cup similar to the FA Cup, defeating Melbourne Knights 2-0 in the final at AAMI Park. The club has taken a severe hit to their squad over the summer losing their Head Coach and some top quality players, but despite this setback Northcote City are not a team to be underestimated.



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THE

After three straight seasons of finishing seventh in the Victorian Premier League, things seemed to finally click for Oakleigh Cannons in 2011. The club finished second on the table to Green Gully on goal difference only and pushed the Minor Premiers to extra time in the VPL Grand Final, eventually going down 3-2. Oakleigh were probably the most consistent team in 2011 and the club will be looking to go all the way in 2012.



CLUB COLOURS

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Shorts Blue

Socks Blue



Away Strip

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LEAGUE

Final Ladder Position 2nd

Best and Fairest Luke Walker

Runner Up Not supplied

Leading Goal Scorer Ricky Diaco

U21 Best and Fairest Jeremy Walker

U21 Runner Up Not supplied

U21 Leading Goal Scorer Ashley Savannah

COACH

Huss Skenderovic takes over at Oakleigh after the departure of Arthur Pappas to Melbourne Heart and then Newcastle Jets. Huss was Head Zone Coach for the Eastern Zone in the Victorian Champions League, Victoria's elite junior summer competition and has played in the National Soccer League with Melbourne Knights. Huss has had a solid apprenticeship with VPL Coach Michael Chatzitrifonos at Richmond SC for three years.

Captain

Peter Zois is a seasoned professional who has many years experience playing abroad and locally in the VPL. Peter brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the game. He is also the goalkeeping coach for Melbourne Heart in the A-League.

YOUNG GUNS

Nick Robers is an exciting signing for the Cannons in 2012. The 16 year old striker is very fast and technically gifted. He is also a top notch Futsal player and is sure to bring some flair to the field whenever he plays.

2012 Playing Squad

ZOIS Peter
TAVSANCIOGLU Ramazan
DRAKOS Ari
CUMMING Jamie
GRAY Steven
OBRADOVIC Bonei
LAGANA Frankie
WALKER Luke
ONTONG Shaun
DOYLE Hayden
DRAGICEVIC Daniel
ZORIC Goran
D'ACIO Ricky
KRNEVIC Jesse
BABATSIAS Tasos
RUFER Caleb
NYADZAYO Munyaradzi
WALKER Jeremy
GOODWIN Craig
SAVANAH Ashley
ROBERS Nick
NEESHAM Daniel



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Richmond SC

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The Club

Richmond had an underwhelming 2011 by their lofty standards with a seventh place finish following their 2010 Minor Premiership and Grand Final appearance. Their late season form was impressive, winning six of their last seven matches and they will be eager to repeat the heroics of two years ago.



CLUB COLOURS

Home Strip	Away Strip
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Shorts Black	Shorts White
Socks White	Socks Black



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Last Season

Final Ladder Position 7th
Best and Fairest Michael Ferrante
Runner Up Stjepan Gal
Leading Goal Scorer Michael Ferrante
U21 Best and Fairest Michael Farnham
U21 Runner Up Not supplied
U21 Leading Goal Scorer Josh Kweifio-Okai

Coach

The 2012 season sees Michael Chatzitrifonos commence his fifth year in charge of the Eagles. VPL Coach of the Year in the Minor Premiership-winning season of 2010, he has also won the State League Division One Championship with both Oakleigh Cannons and Western Suburbs. Welcoming the return of 2010 Grand Finalists Tom Milardovic, Daniel Visevic and Steven Topalovic back to the club to add to a squad which finished strongly at the end of last term, he has plenty to look forward to in the coming campaign.

Captain

The club has yet to determine upon a successor to Dimitri Tsiras, who has joined VPL rivals South Melbourne. Contenders include defenders Erhan Karahan and Tom Milardovic, who have both been vice-captains at the club under Tsiras and have already led the team on occasion. Influential midfielder Michael Ferrante maintains a vocal presence on the pitch and is another valued leader in a young squad.

Young Gun

Sydneysider Jacob Esposito comes to Kevin Bartlett Reserve from Bankstown City for the 2012 VPL season. The sixteen year old progressed through the NSWPL club's Under 20 team to make his senior debut late in the 2011. A former Marconi junior, he has been used as a wide midfielder and full back in early pre-season friendlies, and his skill and pace could see him soon be in first team contention when the season proper gets underway.

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2012 Playing Squad

BEAMISH Jonathan
BISSINGER Mitch
BONNE Devon
CANNELL Liam
CATALANO Michael
ESPOSITO Jacob
ETEROVIC Mate
FARNHAM Michael
FERRANTE Michael
GAL Stjepan
HEUVELINK Kevin
VISEVIC Daniel
KARAHAN Erhan
KWEFIO-OKAI Josh
MARINOS Nick
MILARDOVIC Tom
MUIRHEAD Scott
PURCELL Tim
OSEI-SAFO Ben
STAHL Jonny
TOPALOVIC Steven
VAN'T SCHIP Davey
VIOLA Andrew
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Shorts Blue	Shorts White
Socks Blue	Socks White



The Club

South Melbourne had a solid season last year, finishing in fourth place and narrowly losing their semi final to Oakleigh 1-0, conceding in the 89th minute. South have been busy bringing in the big names over the summer, with new coach Peter Tsolakis signing striker Trent Rixon, 2011 VPL Gold Medal winner Jason Trifiro, 2011 Billy Votjek Medal (best player in the cup final) winner Glen Trifiro as well as defensive midfielder Dimitri Tsiaras from Richmond. With such a talented squad, nothing less than VPL glory will be good enough for the six time state and four time national champions.



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Last Season

Final Ladder Position 4th
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Runner Up Carl Recchia & Daniel Vasilievski
Leading Goal Scorer Jesse Krncevic
U21 Best and Fairest Matko Budimir and Christian Skok
U21 Runner Up Not supplied
U21 Leading Goal Scorer Not supplied

Coach

South Melbourne appointed club legend Peter Tsolakis as its new Head Coach for the 2012 Victorian Premier League season. Affectionately known as 'Gus', Tsolakis represented South Melbourne as a player between 1988 and 1994. After eventually hanging up his boots, he coached Northcote City and oversaw the incredible transformation of a side playing State League 2 football in 2008 to being crowned the inaugural Mirabella Cup champions in 2011. As coach, he won double-promotions as Champions of State League Two in 2008 and State League One in 2009 before Northcote City finished as finalists in the Victorian Premier League in 2010. Peter Tsolakis will look to continue the tradition of South playing an attacking and entertaining brand of football, as the club seeks to end its premiership drought.

Captain

While yet to name a captain at time of going to print, Trent Rixon arrived at South Melbourne with big expectations following an excellent career at Northcote City. His many goals helped Northcote win double-promotion in consecutive seasons, progressing from State League 2 in 2008 to the Victorian Premier League in 2010. In Northcote's first season back in the Victorian Premier League, Rixon further enhanced his own reputation and that of Northcote's by scoring 19 goals in the Victorian Premier League to win the Golden Boot award, as well as helping Northcote reach the finals series in what was an incredible achievement for Northcote City.

Young Gun

Dimitri Tsiaras arrived at Lakeside Stadium having established himself as a solid and reliable midfielder, having also captained Richmond in the Victorian Premier League. Tsiaras was part of Richmond's Minor Premiership side in 2010 that ultimately fell just short of becoming Premier League Champions when it lost 3-0 to Green Gully in the Grand Final. A lifelong South supporter and former junior player of the club, Tsiaras will provide coach Peter Tsolakis' side with determination, leadership, passion and most importantly solid experience at Victorian Premier League level.

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2012 Playing Squad

MATTHEWS Tom
PAYNE Rhodri
O'DOR Steven
KEENAN Joe
RIXON Trent
TRIFIRO Jason
TRIFIRO Glen
NORTON Bradley
BYLES Luke
DE MORAES Fernando
GASPARIS Marinos
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TSIARAS Dimitri



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Shorts Red	Shorts White
Socks Red	Socks White



The Club

Southern Stars have progressed from Provisional League 3 South East in 1997 all the way to the Victorian Premier League in 2012, after finishing second in State League 1 in 2011. Southern Stars give hope to all small clubs starting out that with the right support and commitment, anything is possible. The club's number one priority this year will be avoiding relegation while establishing themselves in the top flight.



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Last Season

Final Ladder Position 2nd in State League 1
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Runner Up Alan Mulcahy
Leading Goal Scorer Chris Greechan
U21 Best and Fairest Patrick Chyzynski
U21 Runner Up Sebastian Kenihan
U21 Leading Goal Scorer Sait Uygur

Coach

This is the fourth season that Head Coach Dean Hennessey is in charge of the club. He coached in 2008 and finished joint third in State League 1, then joined Bentleigh Greens in 2009 and got them promoted to VPL. Hennessey returned to Southern Stars in 2010 and the club was promoted as Champions of State League 2 and was unbeaten all season. In 2011, the club again got promoted to the VPL finishing runners up to Whittlesea Zebras on goal difference. As a player Hennessey played over 250 VPL games for various clubs from 1983 to 1995 and has been coaching since 1999. Hennessey's goal this season is to establish the club as a VPL club and continue the success the club has enjoyed over the past two seasons.

Captain

Alan Mulcahy will captain Southern Stars in their first season in the Victorian Premier League. Alan played for several clubs in his native Ireland, the most notable being League of Ireland side Shelbourne in 2008. The central midfielder was instrumental Southern Stars' promotion last season, finishing second in the team's best and fairest awards.

Young Gun

The club has a number of good young players. From new boys Rudi Saglam, David Stirton, Slaven Vranesevic and Kerim Tansel to existing players Sait Guler and Halil Gur, the opportunity to set their mark in the VPL season coming is paramount to the club's success.

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2012 Playing Squad

ABOUGELIS Nick
RYAN Darragh
FITZGERALD Keiren
GUR Halil
GULER Sait
FITZPATRICK Luke
HEWITT Darren
TANSEL Kerim
FITZGERALD John
SULLIVAN Pat
GALANOS Yanni
RITZ Ari
MULCAHY Alan
STIRTON David
DORIO Joe
LEECH Mark
GREECHAN Chris
VRANESEVIC Slaven
VRANESEVIC Sasha
SAGLAM Ridvan



2012 MEN'S AWARD WINNERS

VPL Gold Medal Winner **Jason Trifiro** Northcote City
 Runner Up **Graham Hockless** Green Gully
 Third Place **Trent Rixon** Northcote City

Goalkeeper of the Year **Griffin McMaster** Heidelberg United
 Coach of the Year **Arthur Pappas** Oakleigh Cannons
 Leading Goal Scorer **Richie Cardozo** 19 Goals Hume City
 Under 21 Player of the Year **Evan Christodoulou** Heidelberg United
 Bill Fleming Media Award **Richie Cardozo** Hume City



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North Sunshine



Westmeadows



Epping



Thornbury



Heidelberg West



Albert Park



Richmond



Oakleigh



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